

Who Was Barbara Varon?

Barbara Varon, a native of Germany, emigrated to America as an adult. She was devoted to her adopted land.

As a world traveler who could speak several languages, she worked as a translator. Joining the Fairfax County Office of the General Registrar, she was committed to a voter registration outreach program to high school students. Using her linguistic skills, she wrote brochures and designed pamphlets to inform the voting public. Appointed to the Fairfax County Electoral Board, Barbara served as Vice Chairman and Chairman.

Barbara and her husband Ben generously donated their time to many volunteer organizations and frequently made generous anonymous donations to those in need. Barbara fought for the rights and privileges of all citizens to participate in the electoral process. Friends, colleagues and admirers recall Barbara as courageous, elegant, gracious, caring, beloved and unselfish.

The Board of Supervisors has memorialized her accomplishments through the Barbara Varon Volunteer Award to recognize volunteer efforts enriching Fairfax County.

*“In a Democratic
society we must live
cooperatively, and serve the
community in which we live,
to the best of our ability.
For our own success to be
real, it must contribute to
the success of others.”*

Eleanor Roosevelt



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The Barbara Varon Volunteer Award

*Presented by the
Fairfax County
Board of Supervisors*

*“The best way to find
yourself is to lose yourself
in the service of others.”*

Mahatma Gandhi



*“I am only one;
but still I am one. I
cannot do everything, but
still I can do something; I
will not refuse to do some-
thing I can do.”*

Helen Keller

The Award

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors announces the inaugural Barbara Varon Volunteer Award. This award will be given annually to a Fairfax County resident whose dedication to improving the community through volunteer service honors the memory of Barbara Varon, former Chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board.

Who Should be Nominated

Nominees must:

1. Live in Fairfax County.
2. Demonstrate an appreciation for the diversity of our community's population.
3. Exhibit patriotism.
4. Show evidence of having a positive effect on the community.
5. Be known for encouraging others to do the same.

How to Apply for the Award

Applications must include, in **200 words or less**, the nominee's qualifications and the length of time served in each volunteer activity. Please include the nominee's name, address and phone number on the application. Nominations must be received **no later than September 15, 2004**. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and the award will be presented in October.

Mail your application to:

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*“It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life,
that no man can sincerely try to help another
without helping himself.”*

Ralph Waldo Emerson
